

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

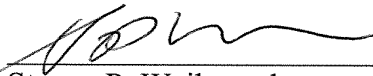
Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 17-23, 27-32 and 35-67 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 17-18, 20-23, 29 and 31-32 are amended; claims 33-34 are canceled; and claims 35-67 are added. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

The present amendments are believed to place the present application in condition for allowance. However, Applicants respectfully request a personal interview with Examiner Kavanaugh to discuss the present claims so that prosecution can be advanced. Applicants' representative will call the Examiner in the near future to arrange an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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